edible, and considering also that there is a very fine palm at 245
Abalessa (which could become a splendid oasis since there is
no lack of water), one may ask if the creation of an oasis of
palms in the Ahaggar might not be tried with success. But the [438]
Ahl Azzi and all the inhabitants of the Tidikelt, who live
entirely on the sale of their dates to the Tuareg, have persuaded

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Haratine Gourbi at Ideles
(Koudia)

the latter to the contrary, that the climate of their country is
not suited to growing palms. Besides, the Ahaggar do not in [185]
the least wish to undertake plantations from which one could
expect no profit for several years, and they prefer to stay with
growing wheat, barley, and bechna, which pay at once.

The Amenokal Moussa ag Amastane, realizing that the era 643
of raids will soon be ended forever, sees that it will be necessary 185
to demand from the soil the means of subsistence which raids 196
formerly procured. So he has announced his intention of having
a foggara dug at "Endid" and of having gardens made there,
and his example will very probably be followed. This is an
undertaking which will certainly be encouraged and supported,
and which shows the slow evolution which is beginning to take
place among the Tuareg, in the best interests of peace and
civilization.